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REF: 19-HQ-F-00628

Dear Ms. Best,

Thank you for your interest in NASA. This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received at the NASA Headquarters FOIA Office on July 2, 2019. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 19-HQ-F-00628 and was for:

Copies of records mentioning or describing Pride Month activities, events or observances in 2017, 2018 or 2019. This includes, but is not limited to * directives, * policies, * pride flag, * commemoration, * publications, * emails, memos, letters, and other communications with OGAs or the White House

As we informed you in our letter dated July 12, 2019, we categorized you as an “all other” requester. Such requesters receive two hours of search time and the first 100 pages free of charge. Since you have not stated a willingness to pay all fees associated with processing the request, provided an amount up to which you are willing to pay, or requested a fee waiver as set forth in 14 C.F.R. § 1206.506, we only processed your request up to what you are entitled for free.

In response to your request, a search of NASA’s Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity was conducted using the information you provided above. The search located 12 document totaling 151 pages in response to your request. We reviewed the responsive records under the FOIA to determine whether they may be accessed under the FOIA’s provisions, and we are providing all 100 pages in full.

NASA redacted from the enclosed documents information that fell within the following FOIA Exemption explained below.

Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)

Exemption 6 allows withholding of “personnel and medical files and *similar files* the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” See 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). NASA is invoking Exemption 6 to protect for third parties’ names and information mentioned in the responsive records.

Appeal Rights

You have the right to appeal this action on your FOIA request. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

Administrator
ATTN: FOIA Appeals
NASA Headquarters
Executive Secretariat
MS 9R17
Washington, DC 20546

Both the envelope and letter of appeal should be clearly marked “Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act.” You must also include copies of your initial request, this correspondence, and any other correspondence with the FOIA office. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should also contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial determination should be reversed.

Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact NASA’s Chief FOIA Public Liaison, Stephanie Fox, via telephone at 202-358-1553 or via e-mail at Stephanie.K.Fox@NASA.gov. You may also send correspondence to Ms. Fox at the following address:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Freedom of Information Act Unit
NASA Headquarters
Attn: Stephanie Fox
Chief FOIA Public Liaison
300 E Street, S.W., 5P32
Washington D.C. 20546
(Fax) 202- 358-4332

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448
Fax: (202) 741-5769

Important: Please note that contacting any agency official including the undersigned, NASA's Chief FOIA Public Liaison, and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90 day appeal clock.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 202-358-0680 or HQ-FOIA@nasa.gov.

Sincerely,



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FOIA Public Liaison Officer